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 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
 (Articles II and III – City CEQA Guidelines)

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LEAD CITY AGENCY AND ADDRESS:

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
 111 N. Hope Street, Room 1050
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

COUNCIL DISTRICT

N/A

PROJECT TITLE

Hydrologic Monitoring

LOG REFERENCE

PROJECT LOCATION: The project location is in the vicinity of Owens Lake, in the County of Inyo, State of California. Refer to Figures 1, 2, and 3 (attached).

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:

LADWP proposes to install hydrologic measuring devices, also known as Base of Mountain Stations (BOM) Stations on nine creeks in the Eastern Sierra, West of Owens Lake (Figure 1). These creeks provide recharge of groundwater around Owens Lake. The BOM Stations will assist LADWP in quantifying stream channel recharge, thus providing critical data to understand hydro-geology around Owens Lake. Five of these measuring stations would be located on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) property, three on U.S. Forest Service property, and one on privately owned property.

LADWP is also proposing installation of piezometers at nine locations (Figure 2) with one or three piezometers per site around Owens Lake to monitor upward hydraulic gradient. A fiberglass flume or metal/fiberglass weir with wing walls and data logger would be installed at each location. The piezometers will be approximately 6, 12, and 30 feet deep with a 50' x 50' work area. 3 of the locations are on LADWP property and 6 of the locations are on lands under jurisdiction of the California State Lands Commission and a lease application will be submitted.

In addition to BOM Stations and piezometers, spring/seeps measuring equipment improvements at 6 sites (Figure 3) are proposed, which include a flow measuring flume, wing walls, and a fence around the site to protect the measuring equipment.

Installation of the BOM stations, spring/seeps measurement improvements, and piezometers will facilitate information gathering to understand the hydrology around Owens Lake.

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EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- MINISTERIAL
- EMERGENCY
- GENERAL
- CATEGORICAL

CITY CEQA
 GUIDELINES

- Art. II, Sec. 2b
- Art. II, Sec. 2a
- Art. II, Sec. 1
- Art. III, Sec. 1

STATE CEQA
 GUIDELINES

- Sec. 15268
- Sec. 15269
- Sec. 15061(b)(3)
- Sec. 15300

Class/ Category 6 (City CEQA Guidelines)

- STATUTORY (See Public Resources Code Sec. 21080 and set forth state and city guidelines provisions)

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION: The BOM stations, spring/seeps measurement improvements, and piezometers are to be installed for the purposes of basic data collection, research, experimental management and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious major disturbance to environmental resources. The purpose of the study is strictly for information gathering purposes and, as permitted under Article 19, Section 15306, Class 6 of the CEQA guidelines.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING

14-00045

SIGNATURE: <i>Laura Hunter</i> Laura Hunter		TITLE: <i>Environmental Specialist</i>		DATE: October 29, 2014
FEE: _____	RECEIPT NO.	REC'D BY	DATE	

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